



CUMBRIA  
CONSTABULARY

# USE OF FORCE – CUMBRIA

2023/24 data

This report summarises use of force between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.

## Use of Force – Cumbria

All figures quoted in the document are for the date period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 and concern the number of use of force forms submitted by officers, not the total number of incidents.

During the above period, there were **11,498** use of force forms completed in Cumbria.

### Tactics Used

Please see the data table below which highlights the different tactics used: (please note there may be more than one tactic used against an individual and Not Applicable was removed).

Tactic	Count	%
Compliant handcuffing	4680	29.6%
Unarmed skills	4292	27.1%
Non-compliant handcuffing	2716	17.2%
Ground restraint	1584	10.0%
Other / improvised	1168	7.4%
C.E.D.	436	2.8%
Irritant spray - used	346	2.2%
Limb / Body restraints	281	1.8%
Irritant spray - drawn	134	0.8%
Spit guard	113	0.7%
Dog deployed	33	0.2%
Baton used	15	0.1%
Baton drawn	13	0.1%
Firearms aimed	11	0.1%
Shield	10	0.1%
Dog bite	3	0.0%
Handcuffing (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Dog (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Baton (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Irritant spray (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Firearms fired	0	0.0%
Firearms (non-specific)	0	0.0%
AEP drawn	0	0.0%
AEP used	0	0.0%
AEP (non-specific)	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15835	100.0%

**Taser Usage:**

As above, more than one taser tactic can be used on one individual (this data excludes 'not applicable').

CED Usage	Count	%
Red-dot	216	49.5%
Drawn	122	28.0%
Aimed	50	11.5%
Discharged	28	6.4%
Not stated	17	3.9%
Arced	3	0.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Subject Data**

The table below represents the gender breakdown of the subjects:

Gender	Count	%
Male	8647	75.20%
Female	2816	24.49%
Other	35	0.30%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11498</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Gender	Ground Restraint		Unarmed Skills		Compliant Handcuffing		Non-compliant Handcuffing	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Female	365	23.04%	1258	29.31%	737	15.75%	885	32.58%
Male	1210	76.39%	3020	70.36%	3935	84.08%	1821	67.05%
Other	9	0.57%	14	0.33%	8	0.17%	10	0.37%
	<b>1584</b>		<b>4292</b>		<b>4680</b>		<b>2716</b>	

The table above shows a breakdown of the 4 most common tactics on forms against the gender of the subject, note that this is not a count of individual subjects.

The table below represents the ethnic breakdown (officer defined) of the subjects:

Officer Defined Ethnicity	Count	%
White	10982	95.51%
Asian (or Asian British)	152	1.32%
Black (or Black British)	128	1.11%
Other	127	1.10%
Mixed	100	0.87%
Chinese	9	0.08%
Grand Total	11498	100.00%

The table below represents the age group breakdown of the individual subjects:

Age Group	Count	%
18 - 34 years	5687	49.46%
35 - 49 years	3416	29.71%
11 - 17 years	1320	11.48%
50 - 64 years	930	8.09%
65 and over	132	1.15%
under 11 years	13	0.11%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11498</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Age bracket	Ground Restraint		Unarmed Skills		Compliant Handcuffing		Non-compliant Handcuffing	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
under 11 years	1	0.06%	10	0.23%	1	0.02%	2	0.07%
11 - 17 years	151	9.53%	499	11.63%	489	10.45%	325	11.97%
18 - 34 years	886	55.93%	2161	50.35%	2326	49.70%	1379	50.77%
35 - 49 years	472	29.80%	1292	30.10%	1402	29.96%	780	28.72%
50 - 64 years	65	4.10%	291	6.78%	421	9.00%	191	7.03%
65 and over	9	0.57%	39	0.91%	41	0.88%	39	1.44%
	<b>1584</b>		<b>4292</b>		<b>4680</b>		<b>2716</b>	

The table above shows a breakdown of the 4 most common tactics on forms against the age bands, note that this is not a count of individual subjects.

**Tactic use broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity data:**

Tactic	Officer-Perceived Ethnicity listed on form						Total*
	BME (Aggregated)	Asian (or Asian British)	Black (or Black British)	Mixed	Other	White	
Compliant handcuffing	256	105	46	37	68	4424	4680
Unarmed skills	169	36	49	42	42	4123	4292
Non-compliant handcuffing	103	22	32	27	22	2613	2716
Ground restraint	48	5	22	11	10	1536	1584
Other / improvised	44	12	11	4	17	1124	1168
C.E.D.	21	11	2	5	3	413	434
Irritant spray - used	11	1	5	4	1	335	346
Limb / Body restraints	19	2	6	7	4	262	281
Irritant spray - drawn	10	0	3	6	1	124	134
Spit guard	10	4	4	1	1	103	113
Dog deployed	3	0	0	1	2	30	33
Baton used	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
Baton drawn	0	0	0	0	0	13	13
Firearms aimed	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Shield	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Dog bite	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Handcuffing (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dog (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baton (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irritant spray (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms fired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AEP drawn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AEP used	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AEP (non-specific)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>15139</b>	<b>15833</b>
<b>Grand Total (%)</b>	<b>4.38%</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>0.92%</b>	<b>1.08%</b>	<b>95.62%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Please note that the aggregated BME group is not included in the total count of forms, as this would result in a double count.

Tactic	BME (Aggregated)		Asian (or Asian British)		Black (or Black British)		Mixed		Other		White	
	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Other	% of group total	Volume	% of group total
Compliant handcuffing	256	36.89%	105	53.03%	46	25.56%	37	25.52%	68	39.77%	4424	29.22%
Unarmed skills	169	24.35%	36	18.18%	49	27.22%	42	28.97%	42	24.56%	4123	27.23%
Non-compliant handcuffing	103	14.84%	22	11.11%	32	17.78%	27	18.62%	22	12.87%	2613	17.26%
Ground restraint	48	6.92%	5	2.53%	22	12.22%	11	7.59%	10	5.85%	1536	10.15%
Other / improvised	44	6.34%	12	6.06%	11	6.11%	4	2.76%	17	9.94%	1124	7.42%
C.E.D.	21	3.03%	11	5.56%	2	1.11%	5	3.45%	3	1.75%	413	2.73%
Irritant spray - used	11	1.59%	1	0.51%	5	2.78%	4	2.76%	1	0.58%	335	2.21%
Limb / Body restraints	19	2.74%	2	1.01%	6	3.33%	7	4.83%	4	2.34%	262	1.73%
Irritant spray - drawn	10	1.44%	0	0.00%	3	1.67%	6	4.14%	1	0.58%	124	0.82%
Spit guard	10	1.44%	4	2.02%	4	2.22%	1	0.69%	1	0.58%	103	0.68%
Dog deployed	3	0.43%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.69%	2	1.17%	30	0.20%
Baton used	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	15	0.10%
Baton drawn	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	13	0.09%
Firearms aimed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	11	0.07%
Shield	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	10	0.07%
Dog bite	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.02%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>15139</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The table above shows tactic use broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity group. Tactics where there was no data (unused tactics) have been excluded here for visual clarity. The BME aggregated group consists of all the minority groups (Asian, Black, Mixed & Other).

Ethnic Group	Cumbria		North West		England	
	Volume	Percentage	Volume	Percentage	Volume	Percentage
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	4,908	0.98%	622,685	8.39%	5,426,392	9.61%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	1,195	0.24%	173,918	2.34%	2,381,724	4.22%
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	4,003	0.80%	163,245	2.20%	1,669,378	2.96%
White	488,027	97.64%	6,347,394	85.57%	45,783,401	81.05%
Other ethnic group	1,715	0.34%	110,156	1.49%	1,229,153	2.18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>499,848</b>		<b>7,417,398</b>		<b>56,490,048</b>	

Above is a table of the resident population of Cumbria, compared to the North West and England. Source ONS 2021 Census data: [Census - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)



Tactic use for the aggregated ethnicity group totalled 694 out of the 15,833 forms submitted (4.38%) with the White group consisting 15,139 of the 15,833 forms submitted (95.62%). Caution should be taken when attempting to use resident population as a comparator, as already explored in the stop search report for FY23/24, there are several confounding factors that affect the validity of this comparison. These included stop searches conducted on arterial routes through the county (M6 running North/South and the A66 running East/West), significant tourism to the county (approximately ~41,000,000 visitors a year, 83 times the resident population), a large population who commute into the county to work (workday population), a low sample size for minority ethnic searches and stop searches conducted on persons who do not reside in the county. These factors were identified during the Force’s examination into disproportionality for the stop search report, and it is likely that these same factors will affect the use of force disproportionality data.

**CED Usage by officer-perceived ethnicity**

CED Usage	BME (Aggregated)		Asian (or Asian British)		Black (or Black British)		Mixed		Other		White	
	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Other	% of group total	Volume	% of group total
Aimed	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	50	12.11%
Arced	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.73%
Discharged	1	4.76%	1	9.09%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	27	6.54%
Drawn	11	52.38%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%	4	80.00%	1	33.33%	111	26.88%
Not Stated	1	4.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	33.33%	14	3.39%
Red-dot	8	38.10%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%	1	20.00%	1	33.33%	208	50.36%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The table above shows the highest level of CED usage per form against officer-perceived ethnicity group.

**Subjects Injured:**

There were 701 injuries to subjects (132 were not caused by force) – of these 690 were minor, and 11 were severe. 674 of the minor injuries were to subjects in the White group, and 16 to the BME group.

**Officers Injured:**

There was a total of 258 (2.24%) injuries against officers. There were 256 minor injuries and 2 severe injuries.

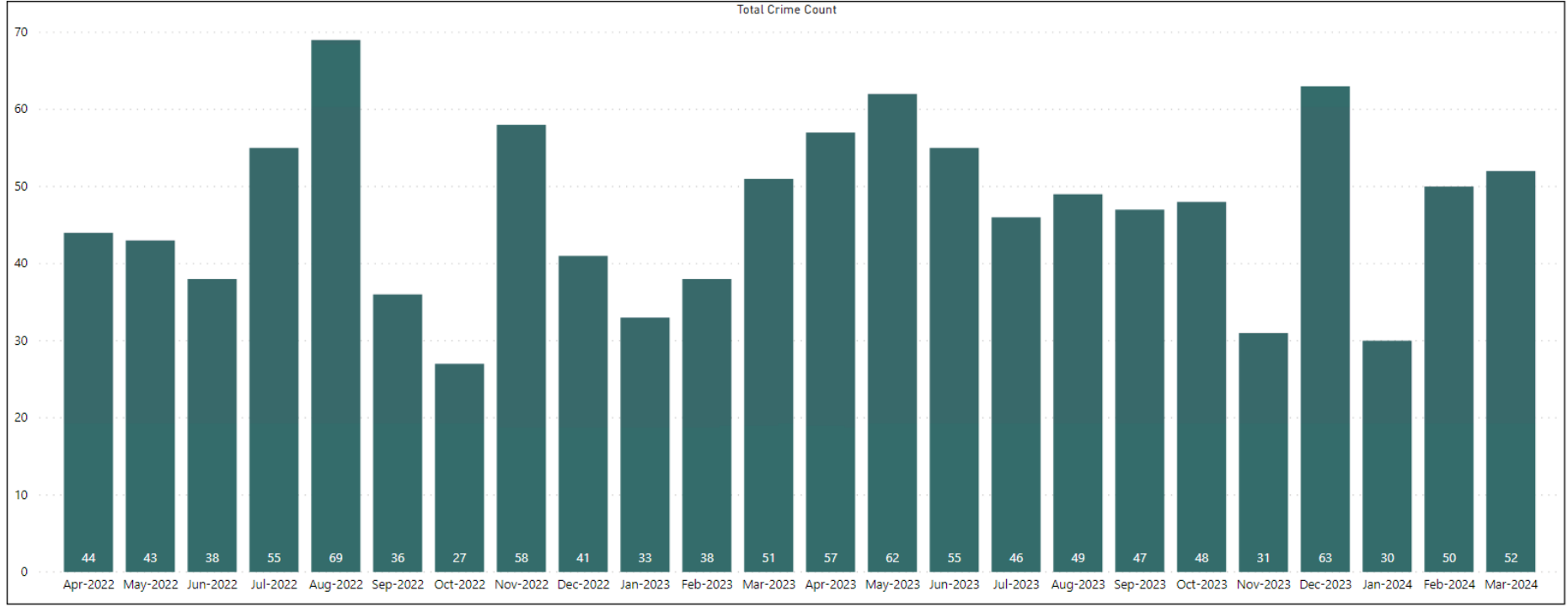
**Op Hampshire**

The volume of assaults without injury on a constable has risen from 368 in FY22/23, to 444 in FY23/24 (+76, +20.7%). The volume of assaults with injury has increased slightly from 105 in FY22/23, to 110 in FY23/24 (+5, +4.8%).

**Reasons:**

The following table shows the reasons why the police have used force – multiple reasons can be selected per form.

Reason	Count	%
Protect Self	7413	15.47%
Other	6714	14.01%
Protect Other Officers	6042	12.61%
Effect Arrest	5350	11.16%
Protect Subject	4964	10.36%
Prevent Escape	3841	8.01%
Prevent Offence	2905	6.06%
Prevent Harm	2835	5.91%
Protect Public	2717	5.67%
Secure Evidence	1652	3.45%
Effect Stop and Search	1164	2.43%
Effect Other Search	933	1.95%
Effect Search in Custody	722	1.51%
Remove Handcuffs	678	1.41%
Grand Total	47930	100.00%



The graph above shows the long term trend for assaults with and without injury on Constables. **FY21/23** – 498 crimes recorded, **FY22/23** – 473 crimes recorded and **FY23/24** – 554 crimes recorded.

**Outcomes:**

The following table shows the outcomes entered per use of force form – multiple outcomes can be selected per form.

Outcome	Count	%
Arrested	7979	67.83%
No Further Action	1796	15.27%
Other	1121	9.53%
Hospitalised	535	4.55%
Detained Mental Health Act	332	2.82%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11763</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Tactic	BME (Aggregated)		Asian (or Asian British)		Black (or Black British)		Mixed		Other		White	
	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Volume	% of group total	Other	% of group total	Volume	% of group total
No Further Action	83	15.81%	32	19.63%	22	16.79%	15	14.71%	14	10.85%	1713	15.24%
Arrested	348	66.29%	96	58.90%	93	70.99%	63	61.76%	96	74.42%	7631	67.90%
Other	47	8.95%	20	12.27%	11	8.40%	10	9.80%	6	4.65%	1074	9.56%
Hospitalised	35	6.67%	13	7.98%	4	3.05%	10	9.80%	8	6.20%	500	4.45%
Detained (Mental Health Act)	12	2.29%	2	1.23%	1	0.76%	4	3.92%	5	3.88%	320	2.85%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11238</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The table above breaks down outcome by ethnic group

**HMIC Metrics – Use of Force forms vs arrests**

In the period FY23/24 (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024) there were 11,498 forms submitted and 10,786 arrests made, totalling 106.60% and meeting the HMIC standard.